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WITH REDUCED SECONDARY STRUCTURE

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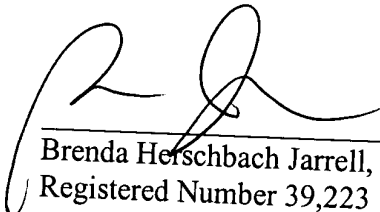
Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

A two (2) month extension of time, from August 23, 2001 to and including October 23, 2001 is requested to respond to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2001 in the above-referenced application. Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed.

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